

P.S. Dear Esther:

This is also for you
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at 6⁰⁰ AM.

Dear Joshua: Since 1-16 when your letter came I have been wanting to write you. But the pressure of other matters like (a) reading the folk-lore of tuberculosis in the Am. Rev. Tuberculosis ^{reading} (b) Thomas Mann's The Magic Mountain (which incidentally I have read some 6 times before) (c) writing to our eldest son John K. at Antioch College & (d) re-reading Sir James Frazer's The Golden Bough. & (e) wondering why my generation were so in-expert in making scientific propaganda. f. re-studying Marcus Tastnow's The Book of Job. (Job you know in addition to all usual troubles - also needed a special antibiotic for he had boils resistant to penicillin - moldy bread - extracts of onion and the soothing dressing applied by his mistress ^{and} (g) reading Nature and the Sunday New York Times. There are other diversions like Schlesingers The Coming of the New Deal, Consultants Harvard Case Histories in Experimental Science and Sigmund Freud's Collected Papers Vol 1. sent to me by a friend (the complete works - 4 volumes - will be offered for sale in the U.S. about March 1-15. ——————

Whilst I am still interested in matters that go on "down below" (this is terminology from Mann's The Magic Mountain) I am quite annoyed at times at my growing indifference.

This is without cynicism and without regret. I have so to speak played my small part — and re-entering ~~the farm~~ will not occur. I do not wish to infer that I will spend the rest of my days here at Havenview. Quite the contrary — I am getting on top of this recurrence — and I definitely feel that I can still be useful. But not here (at U.W.).

I had no intent to use your answer on the C.A.E. quotation in any way. What C.A.E. said to the Governor struck me as being at variance with what one of the most truthful — if not the most truthful men on the campus told me. When Bob Drury visited me about Thanksgiving time he told me that your Wisconsin salary was not a determinant per se.

^(*) At times I have just plain curiosity.

Now we can more "intuit" what C.A.E. said. You must realize that your exit — at this time — was a real blow to our Brass. (I am not including Bob Drury in The Brass) The Brass has had its money on other horses. To loose its Nobel Winner just before the citation — that indeed is a kind of ironic "poetic" justice.

After you get settled — I propose to have a copy made of a letter that came to me recently

from one of my former associates. I will not send you a copy of the whole letter - for I wouldn't want you to think that I hold myself up as a prophet. But I'm sure you will be able to read between the empty spaces - on what was deleted in making the copy.

What do you know about the Physics Dept at Stanford? Our eldest son John at Antioch (incidentally he's well endowed from his mother) is majoring in Mathematical Physics. He was recommended by Antioch for several fellowships - and Stanford is among the first three in terms of choice. Since I know nothing about Stanford - let alone the subject - I'm just a spectator. I do know Wigner at ~~Princeton~~^{Princeton} and also know that kind of a man he is. You see I do believe in Academic freedom within my family up to a certain point. I would not approve of my son John working with a guy like Teller. If he insisted on working with a guy like Teller I would regard him as an enemy of the human race - and disown him at once. I also know Dubinoff. He started here. Son John has Cal Tech on his transcript.

As to the speech (or talk) by Dubinoff. I must say its amazing how these modest and shy lads of the 1930's have blossomed out. My connection with them was rather

* A loose one scientifically speaking - but intimate on the emotional basis. Wijeners first wife Amelie Frank stayed at the home of my mother-in-law.

was from Baltimore Md - a graduate of a quite good girl's school there - ^(Goucher College) and a major in Physics & Math.

Amelia & Wijen were married only a short time - for a rapidly developing cancer took her six months after the marriage. I was out walking one time with Amelia.

Wijenner - Dirac and Mrs Lincoln Kilas Park right after dusk. The 2 physicists were ahead of us. I had my arms around both girls. All of a sudden the 2 men disappeared. They had fallen into a lagoon. This is a TRUE STORY.

Dirac married Wijenner sister.

In the Dec 27 1958 issue of Nature Vol 182, pages 1769-1770 there is an account of the Second Royallum Colloquium on Bacteriophage Research. As I glanced through page 1770 I saw Hedberg - and seeing your name reminded me of the fact that I am a Nobel Prize Winner - a lunch. Well I conclude that over

its better to have picked Hedderley for a luncheon engagement before the award - than to aspire for a luncheon engagement after the award. But I hasten to add - give me time. Write some elephants I want forgot.

I must close lest you not get to Stanford on time - on Saturday the 31st. I will be 58 and now I pose a problem to you - linked to my t.b. cycle. This will be the third birth day that I have celebrated in a t.b. San.

1926	Dakota Switzerland
1946	Lake View
1958	" "

In the winter of 1919 - right after the flu epidemic that swept around the world after War 1 - I worked ~~recuperus~~ for 3 months spitting blood. Most likely I had t.b. then. When I was 2-3 years old I had double pneumonia and most likely got the primary infection. Now I want you to tell me when I will ^{get} down again due to the Koch bacillus. With best wishes, Rollgard Chee - La Jolla (Mechta) friend